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## Israel again snubs Egyptian proposals

TEL AVIV, Dec. 31 (Agencies) — The Israeli cabinet rejected Sunday Egyptian proposals for amending the draft peace treaty between the two countries but Prime Minister Menahem Begin said negotiations may resume within two weeks.

The cabinet decision was transmitted by telephone to U.S. ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis, the national radio said, and Tel Aviv expected to hear from the Americans later in the week about a renewal of the peace talks with Egypt.

The radio said Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and Minister of Portfolio Haim Landau did not participate in the vote and Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon abstained.

"The government expresses its readiness to continue the negotiations with Egypt," Begin said after the cabinet meeting devoted in part to the peace talks that went into a stall during the visit of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance earlier this month.

He repeated Israel's refusal

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## Saudi Arabia denies seeking Arab summit

RIYADH, Dec. 31 (SPA) — Saudi Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani Sunday denied press reports attributed to the Saudi ambassador in Cairo claiming that King Khalid has called for an Arab summit.

Dr. Yamani said "such matters are not decided in the press agency circles."

He reiterated the Saudi government's concern for Arab unity and its determination "to stand up to various undercurrents that aim at breaking up the forces of the Arab people."

"As regards the crucial issues that concern the Arab world," Dr. Yamani said, "the Kingdom's stand was clear and declared we shall spare no effort to realize our unity and solidarity."

In a broadside at Arab press and news agencies, the minister said: "They should be more careful and more accurate in reporting news and comments concerning Arab leaders."

He said that the Kingdom has attended Arab summits "and is bound by their resolutions which urge unity and the mobilization of all Arab resources to meet the dangers that beset them."



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ARBLAZE: This car was set ablaze by anti-Shah demonstrators Saturday in one of Tehran's main streets.

By Israeli troops

## New settlement bid thwarted

TEL AVIV, Dec. 31 (Agencies) — Israeli army troops blocked another attempt by Jewish nationalists to establish an unauthorized settlement in the occupied West Bank Sunday.

Army sources said military roadblocks halted a caravan of trucks and cars carrying equipment and would-be settlers to a new site outside Nablus, 30 miles north of Jerusalem. Other barriers were set up near Qalqilya to prevent supporters of the nationalist Gush Emunim settlement movement from entering the West Bank, the sources said.

Members of the group affirmed Saturday night that they would go ahead with plans Sunday to defy government orders and establish a new settlement in the region. The movement earlier sent a letter to Prime Minister Menahem Begin describing the proposed settlement.

In a last-minute attempt to halt the settlement, Begin Sunday sent Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zapiro to meet the settlers in Kadum, one of the first Jewish settlements established in the West Bank since Israel occupied it in 1967.

The Kadum residents told reporters after conferring with Zapiro that he had not brought any significant offers from Begin which would persuade them to abandon their scheme.

It was the third settlement attempt in a week as the Gush Emunim — bloc of the faithful — tried to push the government into ending its freeze on new settlements. Soldiers forcibly evicted the settlers from two other West Bank hills last week.

Gush Emunim leader Zvi Sionim told reporters Sunday the group would stay on the road. "We wish to protest against the (Israeli) government's hypocritical settlement policy in the liberated (occupied) territories," he said.

The would-be settlers were accompanied by four members of the Israeli parliament who support Gush Emunim.

Israeli governments have permitted limited Jewish settlement in the occupied areas of the West Bank and Gaza, but only with official approval.

No settlements have been approved since Middle East peace negotiations began with Egypt more than a year ago.

But Prime Minister Menahem Begin pledged Friday that new settlements would be built, but the cabinet had taken no decision on when or where.

In a separate development, about 300 Jewish demonstrators forced their way Saturday night into the Muslim prayer area of the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron in the occupied West Bank, Israel radio reported.

The group dispersed without resistance after the arrival of Israeli troops, according to the radio report.

## Arafat describes 1978 as year of victories

BEIRUT, Dec. 31 (AP) — Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat declared that 1978 was year of "victories" over Zionism and that 1979 will be a year of "fire, light, hope and crucial surprises" in the Middle East conflict.

In a message Saturday marking the 14th anniversary of the launching of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Arafat vowed to "smash these American-guided machinations" and block the Egyptian-Israeli peace drive.

Text of the message was distributed here Saturday night by the Palestine News Agency Wafa.

"Our outcry must reach every corner in the globe," said Arafat. "There will be no peace or stability in this region if the national rights

of the Palestinian people are ignored."

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## House investigation concludes

## Kennedy assassination probably conspiracy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives Assassinations Committee concluded Saturday that President John Kennedy "was probably assassinated as a result of a conspiracy" and that a conspiracy likely was behind the murder of Martin Luther King Jr.

The committee's report, released at the end of a two-year, \$5.8 million investigation, contradicted the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald alone was responsible for Kennedy's slaying in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

It also differed with the FBI and other government agencies which concluded that King's murder in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, was the work of one man — James Earl Ray.

The panel said its conclusion in the Kennedy case was based on new acoustical evidence that "establishes a high probability that two gunmen fired at President Kennedy." It also said that other scientific evidence "does not preclude the possibility of two gunmen firing at the president."

The committee said it "believes on the basis of the circumstantial evidence available to it, that there is a likelihood that James Earl Ray assassinated Dr. Martin Luther King as a result of a conspiracy."

However, the panel did not state its reason for concluding that a conspiracy was possibly behind the murder of King, the famed civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner. The panel indicated it would cite its reasons when it issues its final report, probably in March.

The committee, which it called a "Summary of Findings

demonstrators were Orthodox Jewish residents of the nearby settlement of Kiryat Arba who were protesting a government restriction against Jewish prayer groups entering the Muslim hall.

The Cave of the Patriarchs at Hebron, 25 kilometers southwest of Jerusalem, is believed to be the burial site of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their wives. It is holy to Muslims, Christians and Jews. The Israeli military government in the West Bank has divided the cave into Muslim and Jewish sections in an attempt to prevent conflicts between the two groups.

But Orthodox Jews make periodic attempts to occupy the cave.

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Other witnesses said troops fired on hospitals and that some demonstrators were crushed by tanks in front of the governor-general's office.

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PARIS, Dec. 31 (R) — King Hassan II of Morocco has said that the Algerian leadership had wasted a good chance to bring peace to North Africa by refusing to receive a Moroccan delegation sent to attend the funeral of President Houari Boumediene.

Reached in Atlanta, Abernathy said: "I feel that the committee did not go far enough and has not brought us very much information." He has accused J. Edgar Hoover, the late FBI director, of having played a role in the assassination.

"I certainly think, and this is just my belief, that Mr. Hoover was involved in the assassination of Dr. King and I

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## Hundreds said killed in Iranian violence

TEHRAN, Dec. 31 (Agencies) — Hundreds of Iranians were reported killed Sunday as soldiers loyal to the Shah opened fire on demonstrators waging a stepped up campaign to topple the monarch, opposition leaders and witnesses said. The violence came despite the Shah's announced intention to leave the country.

The worst violence was in the northeast Iranian city of Mashhad, where religious leaders claimed "at least 700" people were killed by gunfire.

That figure could not be confirmed but physicians at Mashhad said morgues were filled and hospital wards and corridors were jammed with wounded.

Elsewhere in the embattled country, Americans and other foreigners stepped up evacuation plans and the Shah himself planned to leave for "medical treatment and relaxation" as soon as a civilian government can be formed to replace his military regime.

Many embassies in Tehran have ordered the evacuation of all non-essential personnel.

The United States, whose foreign policy supports the Shah's regime, held to a more determined line, recommending that dependents of American citizens working in Iran leave the country temporarily.

The U.S. embassy emphasized that it had not ordered an evacuation and said its recommendation was based on shortages of essential items such as oil and gasoline and was made "in light of conditions prevailing."

As dusk fell at Mashhad, many buildings were in flames and sporadic firing continued.

Religious leaders at Mashhad, 600 miles east of Tehran and near the Soviet and Afghan borders, said they believed Sunday's onslaught by the soldiers was prompted by frustration the previous day between some troops and the anti-Shah demonstrators.

Some soldiers handed over their arms to religious leaders in Mashhad on Saturday, when scores of demonstrators were killed and buildings were burned.

Early Sunday thousands of demonstrators gathered around the house of Ayatollah Sayed Abdullah Shirazi, a powerful religious leader who demands the Shah abdicate.

A group of the demonstrators broke away and attacked an army command post. Then, according to witnesses, soldiers opened fire, killing 14 persons in the vicinity of the Ayatollah's house, which was packed with tanks and armored personnel carriers.

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## Birth rate to drop 24% by 2,000, report says

JEDDAH, Dec. 31 — The number of children in Saudi Arabia under the age of 14 will almost double by the year 2,000 but the overall birth rate will drop by 24 per cent over the period, according to a World Bank report issued in Washington.

The report, quoted by the

### World Bank statistics

#### Saudi Arabia:

- Population: 8.9 million.
- Annual per capita income: \$3,705.
- Number of children: under 14: 4,010,000 of which:
  - Under four years of age: 1,657,000.
  - Between five and nine: 1,287,000.
  - Between 10 and 14: 1,066,000.
- 1960:
  - Total population: 5,980,000.
  - Children under 14: 2,588,000.
- 1970:
  - Total population: 7,740,000.
  - Children under 14: 3,415,000.
- 2,000 (estimated):
  - Population: 18,600,000.
  - Children under 14: 7,816,000.

#### Number of births:

- 1960: 303,000
- 1970: 387,000
- 1975: 444,000
- 2000: 696,000 (estimated)

#### Birth rate:

- 1955 — 1960: 50.7 per thousand.
- 1965 — 1970: 50 per thousand
- 1970 — 1975: 49.5 per thousand
- 1975 — 2000: 37.4 per thousand (estimated)

#### Life expectancy

- 1960: 37.2 years
- 1970: 42 years
- 2000: 45.4 years (estimated)

#### Number of children in the labor force:

- 1960: 116,000
- 1970: 127,000
- 1975: 127,000
- 2000: 100,000 (estimated)

#### Percentage of girls in primary schools

- 1960: 2%
- 1970: 22%
- 1975: 32%

#### Percentage of girls and boys in primary schools

- 1960: 12%
- 1970: 34%
- 2000: 44% (estimated)

#### Percentage of girls in secondary schools

- 1960: 1%
- 1970: 3%
- 2000: 8% (estimated)

#### Percentage of girls and boys in secondary schools

- 1960: 2%
- 1970: 9%
- 2000: 13% (estimated)

London-based daily "Asharq Al-Awsat" Saturday, is one of a world-wide series to mark the beginning of 1979, which the United Nations has designated as Year of the Child.

Assessing the 1975 population of Saudi Arabia at 8.9 million, the report numbers children below 14 at 4 million. By

the year 2,000, this proportion will remain more or less stable with children making up 7.8 million of a total population of 18.6 million, the paper said.

The 1975 birth rate, estimated at 49.5 per 1,000 population will drop to 37.4 per 1,000 by the end of the century.

At the same time, the average life-expectancy in Saudi Arabia had risen from 37.2 years in 1960 to 42 in 1970. It is expected to climb to 45.4 by 2000.

SPA adds: — The Ministry of Education has decided to enforce the system of parents and teachers councils in all schools this academic year.

The system is designed to strengthen contacts between parents and teachers so that what children learn at home does not contradict what they are taught at school, particularly in religious training.

Under the new system, a general meeting of parents and teachers will be convened regularly by the school's principal to review general proposals and programs considered beneficial to the children.

According to the report, the number of children in primary and secondary schools in Saudi Arabia will also increase. Only 12 per cent of Saudi children went to primary schools in 1960, although this had risen to 34 per cent by 1970. The figure is expected to reach 44 per cent by the turn of the century, the paper said.

Only two per cent of Saudi

#### Ministry raises duties to protect local industries

JEDDAH, Dec. 31 — Customs duties on certain products have been raised from three to 20 per cent, the Ministry of Commerce announced this week.

A statement published in the official gazette said duty on aluminum products, vinyl tiles and wheelbarrows, were increased from three to 20 per cent from Dec. 29.

"Saudi factories are producing these products in sufficient quantity," the ministry said, adding that the rise was "aimed at protecting and encouraging local industry."

#### Local briefs

● RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Alghasibi met Kuwaiti Ambassador to the Kingdom Sheikh Saud Al-Ossaimi Sunday and discussed cooperation in industrial ventures.

● RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Health Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi leaves for Muscat Monday at the head of an official delegation to the Sixth Conference of Gulf Health Ministers.

The agenda of the six-day conference includes a discussion of training at health and nursing institutes and the establishment of a pharmaceutical factory locally.

● DAMMAM, (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Fertilizers Company (SAFCO) celebrated Sunday a 10,000-ton increase in

its annual production. The company's target for this year was 520,000 tons. Actual production touched a record 530,000 tons.

SAFCO's board of directors will hold a meeting next Saturday to discuss its budget and projects for the next year.

● RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal met Sunday with the Somali counterpart Dr. Abdulla Ziyad here. During the meeting, which was attended by Saudi Deputy PTT Minister Faisal Zeidan, the two sides discussed cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Somalia in wireless and telecommunications.

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Tariqi said the municipality is undertaking a number of projects to embellish and improve the city. These range from new streets and redesigns of whole quarters to dual-lane roads at the city's main entry points, he added.

The municipality is also expanding the town's water network building a reservoir and drilling a well for the industrial area. Work is also in progress on a new public park in the laborers' quarter, in addition to four parks in other areas, he said. A study is being prepared for a new municipality building on King Abdul Aziz Street, he said.

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The city's standard of cleanliness was generally good, he said.

#### U.S. college head arrives

RIYADH, Dec. 31 (SPA) — Dr. Herbert Hengst, president of Oklahoma State University in United States arrived here Sunday on a two-week visit to the Kingdom.

He will hold talks with officials of the Ministry of Education on training programs at the university and general cooperation.

Hengst is expected to visit a number of educational institutions in the Kingdom.

## Mideast water council proposed

RIYADH, Dec. 31 — The West Asia Economic Commission for Water Resources continued its meetings here Sunday by discussing a proposal to set up a regional water resources council.

The council will be assigned the responsibility for overseeing and coordinating water resource development in member countries.

Over 100 delegates representing 13 Middle-East countries and other regional and international organizations are taking part in the conference.

Meanwhile, Saudi Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rabman Al-Sheikh has denied reports that the Kingdom was contemplating importing River Euphrates water from Iraq for irrigation and drinking purposes.

Dr. Al-Sheikh was quoted by "Al-Medina" as saying Sunday that the country was confident that it could generate its water requirements locally through "various projects now being undertaken and on the drawing board."

The minister delivered a paper on these projects to the opening session of the commission conference Saturday.

The conference will last five days.

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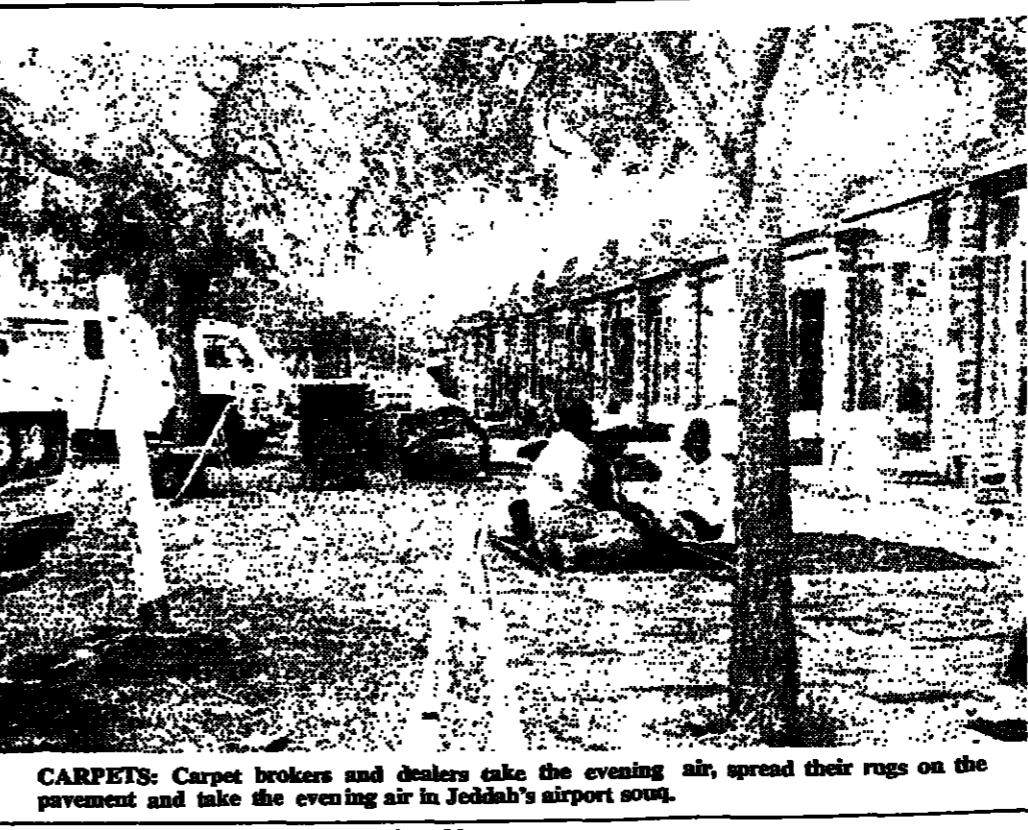
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## Geneva conference needed on M.E., Ceausescu says

VIENNA, Dec. 31 (R) — President Nicolae Ceausescu has called for an international conference to be convened to help achieve permanent peace in the Middle East.

The Romanian leader said Saturday efforts should be intensified in 1979 for such a conference to be held in Geneva.

### Explosion rocks Israeli town

TEL AVIV, Dec. 31 (AP) — A bomb went off in a trash can Sunday in the resort town of Netanya, 20 miles off Tel Aviv, Israel radio reported. There were no injuries or damages, the radio claimed. Saturday the army said a pipe-bomb exploded in the village of Dura in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River caused slight damage but no injuries. The bomb went off outside the Dura public school, shattering the building's windows.

## Eritrean guerrillas seek unity formula

KHARTOUM, Dec. 31 (R) — Three Eritrean guerrilla groups fighting for the independence of the Red Sea territory from Ethiopia began a meeting Saturday night to try to find a formula for their unification, the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said.

It said the leaders of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) and the Eritrean Liberation Front - Popular Liberation Forces (ELF-PLF) were discussing



ment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," he said at a New Year's meeting in Bucharest with foreign diplomats.

Ceausescu repeated recent calls he has made for disarmament and for halting of the arms race. Last month, he caused strains in the Communist Warsaw Pact by opposing Soviet plans for increased military spending.

The president said Romania would "do everything" to promote disarmament, the Romanian news agency reported.

Romania would continue its independent policies and believed "that the social system each nation has chosen should be respected by everyone," Ceausescu said.

At the summit of Warsaw Pact countries last month, Ceausescu refused to increase his country's contributions to the defense budget of the community, saying that to do so would put intolerable strains on Romania's economy and jeopardize her sovereignty.

In the Middle East, Ceausescu has often served as a point of contact for Israeli and Egyptian leaders, and has always maintained his commitment to U.N.-sponsored conference as the best method of negotiation.

Nicolae Ceausescu  
neva or elsewhere, with all interested countries and the United Nations taking part.

The conference "should have an increased role in the attain-



ISTANBUL: Turkish soldiers in the streets of Istanbul after the recent declaration of martial law in 13 provinces, imposed in response to disturbances which left at least 255 dead in December.

## At least 225 died in Turkey in December civil disorders

ISTANBUL, Dec. 31 (UPI) — Turkish authorities said Sunday at least 225 people died in riots and civil disturbances in December, but admitted the total was incomplete.

Year-end breakdowns of a year of rioting which led to the December totals from riots in March incomplete.

Of these, 330 died in Istanbul, 133 in Ankara, 114 known so far in Kahraman Maras and 88 in Adana. The others were

counted in cities now under martial law.

Some Istanbul newspapers catalogued the dead by occupation, ranging from 315 students killed to two mailmen.

Among them were four children, three journalists, three doctors, seven housewives and ten soldiers.

Turkey was reported having a quiet New Year's Eve Sunday.

## Bahrain crown prince in Morocco

RABAT, Dec. 31 (R) — Sheikh Hamad ibn Issa Al-Khalifa, crown prince and defense minister of Bahrain, arrived here Saturday for a private visit to Morocco, officials said.

## Norway's king hopes for peace

OSLO, Dec. 31 (AP) — In his New Year message to the Norwegian people King Olav V regretted that peace has not yet been achieved in the Middle East. "Still it is our sincere hope that the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarding of the 1978 Nobel peace prize to Egypt's president and Israel's prime minister could crown the completion of a task which engages us all so strongly," the king said in his message.

## Pakistan envoy arrives in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 31 (AP) — Retired Maj. Gen. Muhammad Rahim Khan arrived in Kuala Lumpur Sunday to assume duties as Pakistan's new ambassador to Malaysia. He replaces Tajammul Hussein, who completed his term of office in July. Rahim Khan, who was Pakistan's ambassador to Mozambique, said he was looking forward to strengthening further relations between Pakistan and Malaysia.

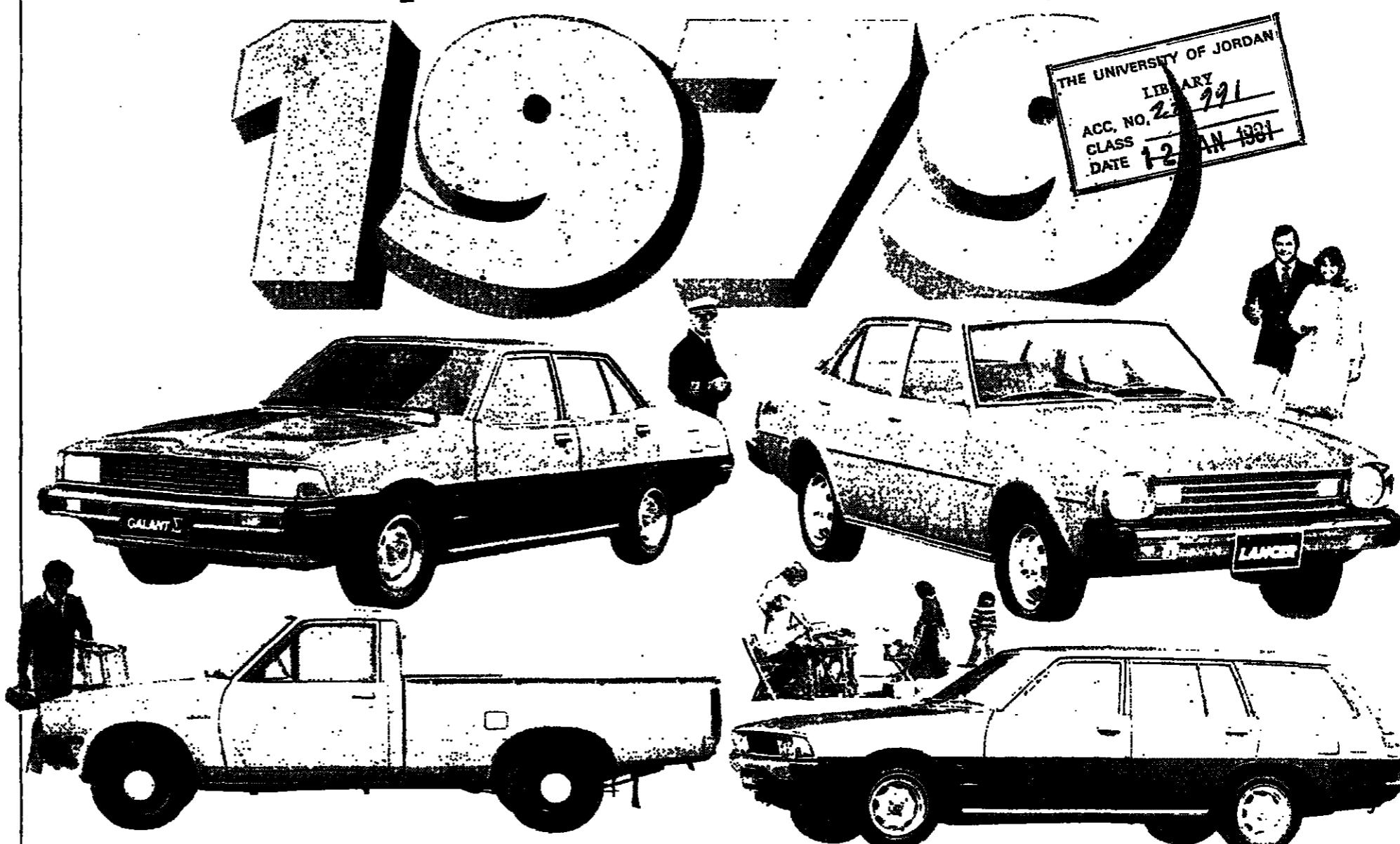
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## Egypt destroys villas at steps of Pyramids

CAIRO, Dec. 31 (AP) — Bulldozers backed by truckloads of police plowed under 32 vacation bungalows on the Giza Plateau Saturday as authorities launched a campaign to drive out squatters in the shadow of the Great Pyramids.

The sandy plateau that stretches for miles behind the ancient tombs of the pharaohs is dotted with an estimated 500 makeshift villas, known as "chalets," which are used mostly for parties and as vacation retreats.

**Tombs**

Antiquities authorities said the structures are an eyesore and are built over a burial ground that dates back more than 5,000 years.

"There are many tombs in this area of commoners and perhaps royalty dating from the Fourth Pharaonic Dynasty up to the Greek and Roman periods," said Zahi Hawass, chief inspector of the Pyramids.

Hawass said the villas had been springing up at an alarming rate and threatened the relics, most of which have not been excavated.

"We believe some of these chalets are built on top of tombs and that water could seep down and destroy these treasures before they are even known," Hawass said.

Hawass spoke as a caravan of trucks and heavy equipment

**Syria, Austria parties agree peace is vital**

DAMASCUS, Dec. 31 (R) — Syria's ruling party and Austria's Socialist Party Saturday said the Middle East crisis threatens world peace.

In a statement after official talks, the two political groups also said that European security was closely linked to Middle East peace.

The official communiqué said a just peace in the Middle East could not be achieved without the implementation of United Nations resolutions, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied territories and the recognition of the Palestinian people's rights to self-determination.

## Israel reported building holiday center at Hebron

TEL AVIV, Dec. 31 (R) — Two days ago on the land, intended for a big hotel and an extension of the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, the Israeli government announced West Bankers of Hebron on land recently seized by military authorities. Preliminary work began.

Arab families living on the site were issued with special permits to move.



Parties in Peking. Washington

## New Year rings in new China-U.S. era

By John Roderick

PEKING, Dec. 31 (AP) — At the stroke of midnight announcing the new year here, Communist China and the United States establish formal diplomatic relations after 30 years of misunderstanding and bloodshed.

No documents will be exchanged, nor will there be any elaborate ceremonies to mark the historic occasion, an event made possible by realism, a shared concern over the ambitions of the Soviet Union, and a desire for vastly increased trade.

The only observance will be a party at the modest residence of U.S. Liaison Chief Leonard Woodcock at six p.m. on New Year's Day. His 150 guests will raise their glasses with Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping to toast the new relationship. A similar party will be held in Washington D.C.

Woodcock says recognition will bring few immediate changes to his office except for a small increase in staff, the naming of a full-fledged ambassador who presents his credentials March 1, and a closer official association tied to China's 22-year modernization program.

Dec. 31 in Peking dawned cold and almost opaque grey with a skiff of snow visible on the roof tiles. On this last Sunday of the old year, a red sun shone feebly through the dust of the north China plain and the coal smoke of countless homes and factories.

Though Jan. 28 is the real Chinese new year, based on the lunar calendar, many will eat, drink and dance through the night with thousands of visiting foreigners in hotels and public halls. Holiday menus include turtle dove, wild rabbit, pheasant, partridge and game stuffed with dates at the 17 story Peking Hotel for the equivalent of \$10.



Teng Hsiao-ping  
Some American tourists in Peking grumbled because they were not invited to Woodcock's party, but as it is, said one

American diplomat, "everyone will be jammed together like Peking duck."

Because of the crunch, he added, high-ranking Chinese and Americans will be segregated in one room while lesser ranks mingle next door. After the toasts, this undemocratic arrangement will be relaxed to permit the general clinking of glasses all around.

The uninsured can still celebrate elsewhere with classical Peking opera, variety shows and a wide array of restaurants, or stay in their hotels for dining and dancing.

The mood is reminiscent of Yunan three decades ago, where Americans and Communist Chinese made their first formal contacts. Members of the small U.S. Liaison Mis-

sion in the Communist capital developed friendships and perceptions which in some cases have survived to this day. It was from these encounters that U.S. diplomats John Service and John Davies reported that Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai — rather than the Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek — were riding the wave of China's future.

Their diplomatic acuteness bought them disgrace and persecution after the Communist victory as conservative Americans sought to pin the blame for what they called "the loss of China."

The United States snubbed the infant People's Republic in 1949, rejecting a secret initiative from Chou, the new prime minister.

War in Korea followed by the entry of Chinese "volun-

teers" against American soldiers, soured the relations until the mid-1950s when Chou made another overture, and was again turned down.

It was not until the early 1970s that the United States showed willingness to deal with the government in Peking. President Richard Nixon's visit here in 1972 officially set the United States on the diplomatic road which culminates in Woodcock's little party.

Ironically it was Teng, in disgrace at the time of the Nixon visit, who fulfilled Chou En-lai's wish for normalization. Teng leaves for Washington Jan. 28 as the first high-ranking Chinese to visit the United States. Whether by accident or premeditation, his leap across the International Date Line will allow him to celebrate not one, but two Chinese New Years.



MANILA BAY: Vietnamese refugees aboard the Tung An, still anchored off Manila Bay Sunday.

## New Year's Eve of waiting for refugees off Asian ports

MANILA, Dec. 31 (Agencies) — About 2,400 Vietnamese refugees crammed aboard a rickety freighter marooned in Manila Bay Sunday unfurled a streamer proclaiming "Happy New Year."

The government has taken no special steps to mark the transition from being an ally of the United States to a "non-country" in American eyes. And U.S. Embassy personnel have been careful to keep a low profile. There will be no flag-flowering ceremony, the embassy said. The only change will be removing the signs from the gate. That, it said, will be done whenever the maintenance people can get around to it.

than 2,400 unwashed faces looking down below to a coast guard patrol boat.

"We're still hungry," he said. "We have no New Year presents."

The Tung An sailed into Manila Wednesday after Brunei authorities towed it to sea and set it adrift. Philippine authorities said passengers could not land since its refugee camp already was filled with 2,000 Vietnamese.

The rusty ship was allowed to anchor a mile offshore until resettlement had been arranged with 20 countries it had sent an appeal for asylum for the refugees.

Meanwhile, in Hong Kong, about 2,700 Vietnamese refugees packed on board the Huey Fong remained anchored off Hong Kong on New Year's Eve with little hope of being resettled in the near future.

In a radio-telephone interview, a refugee representative said they were relying only on "prayer and publicity" in the hope that they will be allowed to land. Hong Kong authorities have denied them permission to come ashore.

Chau Hiep Van, who described himself as a former contractor for the U.S. Army in Saigon during the War, said the refugees had contacted government organizations in the United States but that no firm commitments have been received so far about their fate.

Chau said a lot of children on the Huey Fong were suffering from the chilly weather. "Many children are down

with colds and are coughing," he said.

The ethnic Chinese former businessman said a great number were also suffering from "muscle aches" because of the lack of space to move about on the 2,290-ton vessel, but that there was enough food and water on the ship.

## Former Angolan opponents ask exiles to return

LONDON, Dec. 31 (R) — Seven former opponents of President Agostinho Neto's Marxist government have appealed to fellow Angolans living abroad to return home and help in the work of reconstruction, the Angolan news agency ANGOP says.

The agency, in a telexed despatch to Reuters Saturday, said the seven, including five former members of the pro-Western Zaire-based Front for the National Liberation of Angola (FNL), returned to Angola under the presidential terms for clemency announced last September.

In interviews carried by Angolan television, radio and newspapers Friday the seven former opponents all criticized the Western press for giving a distorted picture of conditions in Angola.

Causing 'starvation, bankruptcy and lawlessness'

## West is driving Rhodesia to Marxism, Smith says

SALISBURY, Dec. 31 (AP) — Prime Minister Ian Smith, sounding alternately desperate and angry, accused the United States and Britain in a New Year's broadcast Sunday of helping drag Rhodesia to starvation, bankruptcy and lawlessness and render it ripe for a Marxist takeover.

Smith, in a 20-minute nationwide radio and television address at the end of the bloodiest year in Rhodesian history, made his most urgent appeal yet for Western support for the transition administration.

Accusing the United States and Britain of "deceit and treachery," the usually stoic Smith said, "they, and they alone, have the key to bringing a quick solution to our bleeding land."

"Why, in the name of heaven, do they persist in misleading us like this? Why do they continue to side with the terrorists?"

Smith has said he will step down as Rhodesia's leader next April when universal suffrage elections are scheduled among the 6.8 million blacks and 260,000 whites.

Guerrilla leaders Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo denounce the internal settlement reached last March between Smith and three moderate black leaders as a sell-out because of its special safeguards for the white minority.

The Communist-armed forces of the Patriotic Front have escalated the war markedly through 1978. Half the total war dead were killed in 1979.

Western powers, taking the view that the domestic agreement cannot bring peace, have refused Salisbury's pleas for support and an end to 13 years of sanctions. Instead they have made a series of fruitless attempts to bring the internal and guerrilla leaders to the negotiating table.

Smith complained at length that the free world aids Mar-

xism by its attitude toward Rhodesia saying the west is "supporting the Marxist tactic of creating chaos, that condition under which Marxism thrives."

He said an all-party conference was a "write-off" because the West would not call one in the face of guerrilla opposition.

"There is but one simple question that the free world must face up to: do they want the Rhodesian problem to be settled through the ballot or through the bullet?"

"When they are ready to give their answer...it will then be necessary for them to support their words with action for a change."

Smith expressed only a hope that a new black government might gain some limited recognition.

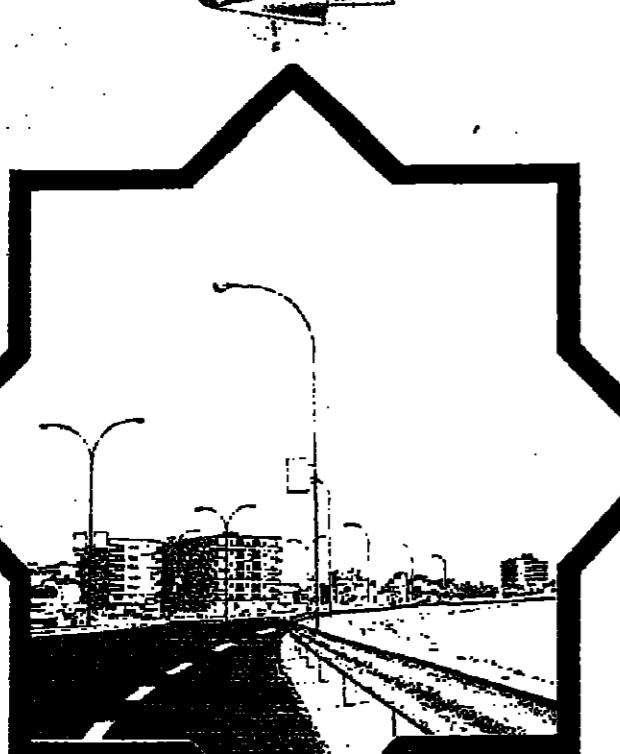
"For our part, we must carry on," said Smith. "Let us make ready for yet another year, to fight for, to pray for, peace. We could win through before the year is out."

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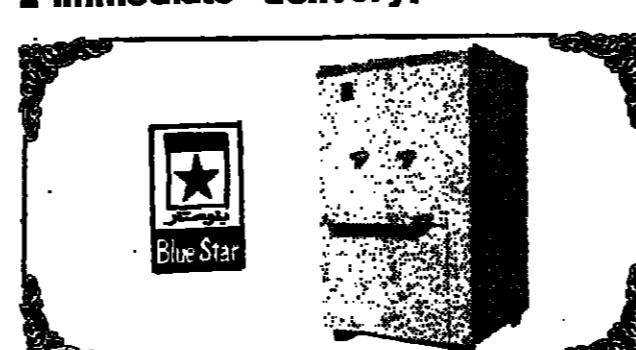
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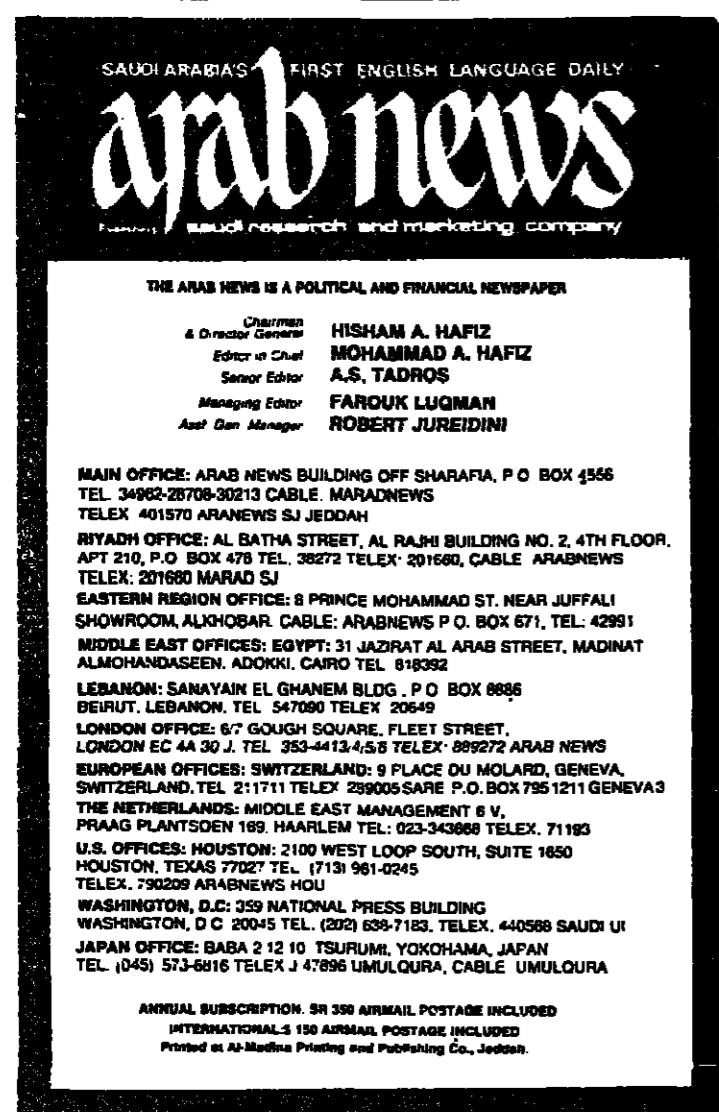


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## Asian influx into Australia

By M. Costigan

CANBERRA — Thousands of refugees from Indochina are converting the vast, sparsely inhabited northern territory of Australia into a new Asian enclave.

It is an unlikely development, since for all but the last half dozen years of this century, Australia adhered to an immigration policy that excluded virtually all non-Europeans.

The country officially dropped its White Australia policy early in the 1970s and has been admitting token quotas of Asians, mostly young people who studied at universities here and married Australian-born students.

The shift in policy is closely linked to the war in Vietnam, in which Australia was an ally of the United States and South Vietnam. Since the war ended, Australia has accepted 15,000 Indochinese refugees — mainly Vietnamese — and is now admitting them at the rate of 10,000 a year.

Immigration Minister Michael Mackellar claimed recently that as a proportion of Australian population, this intake represents an effort larger than that of any other refugee-receiving country.

The United States has been taking about 25,000 refugees a year and is seeking to increase that figure by 22,500 this year. France has admitted about 45,000 since the Vietnam war, and Canada and West Germany also have opened their borders more recently to a number of Indochinese refugees. Still, tens of thousands of refugees are awaiting re-settlement, mostly in primitive camps in Thailand and Malaysia.

The United States has a population of 213 million, compared to Australia's 13.5 million and France's 55 million.

About half the refugees in Australia have gone to the major cities of Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, in the nation's temperate southeastern corner. The rest have entered through the rough-and-tumble town of Darwin, capital of the northern territory and a city closer to most of Asia than to most Australians.

Nearly 2,000 of the refugees who have arrived in Darwin are boat people — refugees who have brought or badgered their passage from Southeast Asia on small, often unseaworthy boats.

There has been much controversy about the boat people in Darwin, and antagonism toward them. With Australia's unemployment rate running at record levels of between 6 and 7 percent, unions in Darwin are strongly opposed to the boat refugees being admitted into Australia.

Elsewhere in the northern territory, however, they are welcomed and many have already

started to work as farmers. The northern territory is the last section of the great Australian outback.

Spreading over more than a million square kilometers of land that ranges from tropical swamps in the far north to a harsh, pastel-colored desert around the central town of Alice Springs, the territory has a population of only 100,000.

It also has the largest concentration in Australia of the nomadic aborigines, with nearly 30,000 of Australia's indigenous black people living in settlements, roaming the countryside and demanding an increasingly large share of the profits from the territory's rich uranium deposits.

Last July, the territory took its first major step toward statehood by the end of this century. The federal government in Canberra gave it a degree of self-government only a little short of full statehood. Young Conservative Paul Everingham, 34, became the territory's first chief minister and the driving force behind a plan to settle more and more refugees in the territory.

The plans are full of hazards in a country with Australia's racial history. Apart from imposing a complete ban on non-white immigration beginning in 1901, when it became fully independent of Britain, Australia expelled tens of thousands of Chinese and South Sea islanders in the latter part of the 19th century. The history of White Australia's treatment of the aborigines is a bleak chapter in the nation's history.

Even though the movement of Indochinese refugees to Australia is still in its infancy, it is already the biggest Asian influx into Australia this century. While there has been remarkably little public opposition, doubts and fears remain only a scratch below the skin of Australian consciousness.

A recent opinion poll showed that 80 per cent of Australians opposed further immigration of Asians. The Australian government has committed the country to take more Indochinese refugees at the current rate, but is doing its best to keep the whole question and its problems away from the public spotlight.

Immigration Minister Mackellar says that the Indochinese refugees who had arrived so far in Australia had integrated very well.

"I would not say for a moment that there has been widespread antagonism, but there has been community concern about the arrival of unauthorized boats carrying refugees," he said.

"There is a concern about the risk of public health and about the possible introduction of exotic plant or animal diseases." (WP)

## "YOU MEAN I NEEDN'T GO OUT AND BUY A LOT OF BELLS, HORNS AND CHAMPAGNE?"



## Soviet provocations against Iran

By Don Schanche

TEHRAN —

Two instances of Soviet military provocation were directed against Iran in the last two weeks, a highly reliable Western source said here.

The bolder of the two was an overflight of more than an hour by 10 MiG jet fighters of the Soviet air force on Dec. 10, the source said. The fighters penetrated more than 620 miles into Iran from the Caspian Sea coast, turning back only after they reached the city of Shiraz deep in the southwest, he said.

According to the source, the Shah personally made the decision to ignore the overflight and ordered both his own American-made jet fighters and Hawk antiaircraft missile batteries not to respond.

A day or two before the overflight, the source claimed, at least one and perhaps several skilled Soviet aircraft technicians slipped clandestinely into the Iran air force's main base at Tabriz near the Soviet border in northwest Iran and sabotaged several American-made F-5 jet fighters.

Earlier reports about the sabotaged fighter planes had blamed disconcerted Iranian air force enlisted men for tampering with the control mechanisms in an effort to cause the jets to crash after takeoff. The sabotage was discovered before any of the planes left the ground, however, and there were no accidents.

An incident involving the loss of several of the expensive F-5 jets would have further eroded morale, particularly in the air force, had it occurred.

According to the source, Iran's military premier, Gen. Gholamreza Azhari, was alerted the moment the Soviet planes

were picked up by the network of radar warning stations that covers the 1,000-mile Iran-Soviet border. Azhari was said to have gone immediately to the Shah who, after further reports of the steadily deeper penetration, decided not to react to the provocation.

Why the Shah reached the decision to ignore the overflight was not known. It also was not known whether the Iranian march was aware at the time of the discovery of the sabotaged F-5s at Tabriz. If he had been aware of the sabotage and feared that other Iranian aircraft also had been tampered with, it might explain his reluctance to scramble his planes.

Another possible explanation of the Shah's decision could have been the fear of a major diplomatic crisis with the Soviet Union at a time when his power has been substantially weakened by religious protest, strikes and severe economic dislocation throughout Iran.

Such a crisis also could have led to a serious confrontation between the Russians and the United States. Both Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and President Carter have sternly warned each other against any direct interference in Iran's domestic crisis.

But the greatest mystery of the overflight remains: Why the Russians undertook such a risky and provocative venture at a time when the Kremlin's official stance has been to claim it is keeping hands off Iran. (LAT)

## saudi press review

On the situation in Iran, "Al-Medina" asked if it was "fair to let a neighboring country continue to suffer in this way without seeking or being offered assistance."

"The intention is not to intervene in the internal affairs of the country but, if possible, to help it avoid further destabilization and bloodshed."

"This may sound embarrassing but this is not what we have in mind," the paper said.

It added that "the concept of Islamic solidarity presupposes concern which, in turn, implies a more positive approach in the form of good offices to help a member state in times of distress, something more substantial than just 'wait and see' which is now characterizing the friends and neighbors of Iran."

"Under the umbrella of Islamic solidarity, there are institutions like the Islamic con-

ference which could assist in breaking the vicious circle in that country and save its people from the bloody maelstrom in which they have been trapped. But to remain aloof, while the country bleeds until others farther away come forward with alternatives and solutions, will only aggravate the situation and weaken Islamic solidarity."

On the Eritrean situation and Soviet designs in the region, "Al-Medina" said the Soviet Union "had to sacrifice its alliance with Syria and Iraq, who supported the Eritrean liberation movement, when it realized that it could find a base in the Red Sea that is close enough to the sources of oil."

"The base would also enable them to back up their Indian Ocean fleet. So they threw their lot behind the regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam. It is ironic to note that certain Palestinian and Eritrean Marxist groups

## Did Bhutto save himself?

By Chris Sherwell

RAWALPINDI —

Defense lawyers for the condemned former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, believe that his personal appeal against execution before the country's supreme court last week may have saved him from the hangman's rope.

In their view Bhutto effectively demolished the case against him that he conspired to murder a political opponent. "The only course for the seven judges is to acquit him or order a re-trial," one said after the dramatic four day appeal ended.

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## Future of U.S.-Taiwan ties

By George Gedda

WASHINGTON —

The United States and China open a new era in relations Monday, setting aside ideological differences to forge a political link that could have lasting impact on the global power balance.

The Chinese will host a simple evening ceremony here at which U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale and Chinese diplomat Chai Tse-min will toast the establishment of normal relations between the world's riches and most populous countries. A ceremony also will be held at the U.S. diplomatic mission in Peking.

U.S. recognition of Peking also will result in a simultaneous end to official relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Officials said the flags at the Taiwan embassy in Washington and at its 14 consular offices around the United States were to be lowered for the last time on New Year's Eve. All Republic of China name plates will be removed from the buildings as well. Similar activities will be carried out at U.S. offices in Taiwan.

Nonetheless, most of the personnel at the respective facilities in both countries will remain on duty, serving as transition teams which will work out ways to maintain trade and cultural ties between the United States and Taiwan on an unofficial basis.

That process is expected to be completed by March 1, when Washington and Peking formally exchange ambassadors. Also on that date, the official designations of the two countries' diplomatic missions will change from liaison offices to embassies.

In agreeing to normalize relations, the United States and China have cast aside bitter memories of past conflict, ranging from open warfare in Korea in the early 1950s to angry debate over ideological differences.

The American side no longer talks about the need to

clarify that saying the Red Sea is an Arab lake is a flagrantly reactionary and imperialist conspiracy."

Commenting on Begin's latest statements on peace in the

Attack. "It is a conspiracy against me," he alleges, "an attempt to eliminate me." The court that heard the case against him and sentenced him to hang, he says, was biased and prejudiced.

A proud man, he took particular exception to being called a "Muslim in name only."

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pen. It would outdo Tehran and everything else."

No one doubted that his performance was remarkable for a man who constantly complained about his conditions and his health. Altogether he spoke for about eleven hours, regaling the court with snippets of humor and anecdotes and littering his argument with intriguing historical references to Caesar, Napoleon, Hitler and Richard Nixon.

Most interesting of all, he unwittingly offered a fascinating insight into the way he ran his government and party. It was, he said, a routine matter to keep files on people. He described unorthodox ways appointments were made, how he used to insist on things being kept out of the press and how party members were kept in good humor.

If the legal consequences of his appearance are unpredictable — even the likely date of the judgment is not known — the political consequences are even more so. Bhutto's four-day presentation was fully reported inside Pakistan, and the desire to know how things went in the court has been enormous. With people still waiting for an announcement of elections by Gen. Zia-Ul-Haq's military government, Bhutto's warning that with them there could be upheaval could now grow more ominous. — (OFNS)

Washington in mid-January to conclude a Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) but that now appears unlikely.

Just as a final breakthrough seemed imminent on Dec. 22, the Soviet side raised an issue involving limitations on U.S. cruise missiles that had not appeared before.

In the administration, it is widely believed that the Soviet strategy was linked to Carter's announcement a few days before that Chinese Vice Premier Meng Hsiao-ping would visit Washington on Jan. 29.

According to this view, Moscow did not want the Brezhnev visit to be upstaged by Teng's visit.

Besides concern about how Soviet ties will be affected by his new China policy, Carter has a problem with American public opinion. Early polls indicate majority opposition to the termination of full diplomatic recognition of Taiwan, and conservatives in Congress have launched a legal challenge to Carter's cancellation of the nearly quarter-century-old U.S.-defense treaty with the Taipei government.

Sen. Barry Goldwater, Republican-Arizona, filed suit last week claiming that no treaty can be terminated by a president acting alone, without two-thirds approval of the Senate.

The administration contends other presidents have done the same without Senate support.

U.S. courts generally have been reluctant to contradict presidents particularly on foreign policy issues. Congressional opponents of Carter's move probably will have an find another method to influence foreign policy.

There already is talk in Congress of withholding funds for the expansion of the U.S. mission in Peking or of rejecting Carter's nominees to be the first ambassador to Peking and conservatives in Congress have launched a legal challenge to Carter's choice. (AP)

Middle East and on the West Bank and Gaza, "Olkaz" said "it is strange that Israel should say this despite the U.N. resolution and the American assurances that peace can be achieved in the region. Both the



Communist China prefers C oke to Mao's Red Book

## Holiday thoughts about pets

By Nicholas Von Hoffman  
During the holiday season thoughts turn to children and to animals. The world takes on a "cuddly" Disneyesque shape as we reach out to pat soft and fluffy things with fur and cold noses. In actuality, though, pets can be a lot of trouble. Take the case of Mary Poppins, as related in this newspaper clipping.

"Hound Down Raw Dough, Swells to Twice Her Size" —

TORQUAY, England, (AP) — Mary Poppins has never learned how to eat like a lady. A basset hound with an insatiable appetite, she returned to normal size after downing three pounds of unbaked yeast dough.

"The 4-year-old hound ate the mixture left in front of the fire before baking, and then swelled to about twice her normal size," said her owner, Jane Burridge. She rushed her helpless pet to a veterinarian, who reported, "she is going down slowly."

"Mary Poppins' father was a pedigree champion," said Mrs. Burridge, "but despite her weeding, she has never learned to eat like a lady. She gobbles up everything in her."

By Nicholas Chris  
SAN ANGELO, Texas  
Sam Lewis' friends thought he was crazy when he said he was going to make a hot lollipop.

One year later he has sold about 5 million of them at 5 cents apiece. The price is less for larger quantities, such as the order for one million recently received from a chemical company.

Sam's lollipops are jalapeno flavored. Jalapeno peppers are the fiery little green Mexican peppers.

For some people they add zest to Mexican food. Others say they promptly clear the sinuses. Still others contend the

peppers should be emblazoned with a warning from the U.S. surgeon general, stating that they are injurious to your health.

Sam Lewis has made a bundle on his hot lollipops. And he has become obsessed with the jalapeno flavor. When he had a franchise pizza house here he stuck pieces of jalapeno peppers into the pizzas until the chain sent detectives to check into his apparent breach of regulations.

Sam has toned down the fiery content of the peppers, leaving just the jalapeno flavor. But he has been known to brew a triple-strength batch for friends.

Or take this letter published in the Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press:

"We would like to thank a neighbor of ours on Tufts Avenue who found our Husky dog running loose and dragging his broken chain. We appreciate him catching him and tying him to a flagpole.

"If this neighbor will call us at 936-2000, we would like to thank him in person and return his flagpole. — Pint and Neil Cornwell."

But it's cats you have to watch out for. They can mess things up the way no dog ever can. For example, there was the cat who got stuck so far up the tree the fire department had to be called and after two hours of ladder and rescue work the feline was finally brought down to safety. Then as the fire engine backed out of the driveway, it accidentally ran over the cat.

Cats, of course, have nine lives but people don't, so this is a sad little story.

"Man Killed in Attempt to Kill Naughty Cat" —

HADLEY, N.Y. (AP) — A man who was angered when the family cat urinated on the floor and tried to swat the animal with a loaded shotgun was killed when the gun dis-

charged, state police said . . .

Cats can cause as much trouble in the community as they can in the family, as this story attests:

"Defendant Cat Fails to Appear: Trial Called Off

Because a cat didn't show, a trial was called off yesterday in Fairfax County's District Court.

"A tomcat, said to have harassed neutered cats in a Mount Vernon neighborhood, was the defendant along with its owner Benjamin K. Griffith, 19, who was charged under a country ordinance concerning trespassing animals. Mary K. Rose, the complainant, dropped the matter when she learned that the tomcat had been shipped out of town."

Given the trouble cats cause, nobody with any sense would have one around, but people have always been fascinated with them. The ancient writer Diodorus claimed that in Egypt, under the Pharaohs, anybody who killed a cat, even accidentally, was put to death.

The poet T.S. Eliot wrote a whole book about cats and cats infect our language as in cat-o'-nine-tails, cat's-paw.

cat's-tail (ough!), caicall and the cat's pajamas or the cat's whiskers. Then there are idioms like, see how the cat jumps, or not enough room to swing a cat, if anyone is so foolish as to try such a thing.

Not that having other animals may not bring problems also. There is the child who wrote the pet advice column with this sad story.

"Dear Dr. Miller: In order to get Cleopatra, I had to promise to feed her mice. Well, I have fed her two live mice so far and it was pretty terrible. The first time she ate the mouse; the second time, the mouse ate her on the nose, and she was afraid to eat it. Is there anything else to feed a king snake?"

People in other countries have animal problems too.

This appeared in a recent issue of the London Telegraph:

"Hunt for Dormice: Naturalists in Lincolnshire have asked wildlife enthusiasts to look out for dormice, which are fast disappearing. They are seen very rarely and the country museum wants people to check hazel nut shells for tiny teethmarks." — (KPS)

fresh jalapeno peppers," he said, "because if you breathe the fumes, it is like sticking your head into a blast furnace."

Another of his ideas has never really caught on. It is "Hawaiian delight" pizza — chunks of pineapples, cherries, pears, bananas and slices of oranges and grapefruits on the pie.

Lewis says he is now experimenting the jalapeno bubblegum, jalapeno-flavored toothpicks and jalapeno chewing tobacco.

For a visitor to his office, he reaches into the refrigerator and removes the very first bottle of jalapeno liquor known to man. (LAT)

## BOOKSHELF

### Death in Beirut

By Robert Fraga  
*Death in Beirut*  
by Tawfiq Yusef Awwad  
Heinemann

A common device in writing historical romance is to take the protagonist of the novel a character peripherally involved in public events. Equating the extent to which the book succeeds with how completely the characters represent the various political and social tendencies at play is a constant lure. It is all but irresistible in writing about Tawfiq Yusef Awwad's "Death in Beirut". To avoid the danger would be to ignore what must have been the creative incubus which lay collid in the author's mind as he wrote.

*Death in Beirut* is accessible to English readers in Heinemann's Arab Authors Series, which has brought out translations of works by such writers as the Egyptian novelist, Naguib Mahfouz, and the Palestinian poet, Mahmoud Darwish. In the case of Awwad, who served for many years in various diplomatic posts with the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the translation was done conscientiously and fluidly, by Leslie McLoughlin. This labor was achieved in the small Lebanese mountain village of Shemshak, where the author probably intended.

The story is that of Tamima Nassour, a girl from a poor village in South Lebanon, who claws, crawls, and cries her way through the double thicket of Beirut politics and family calamities. By Western standards, she is an idealized heroine, high-spirited and dauntless, the Arab counterpart of an Imperial Pauline, roped to the rails in

the path of an onrushing 20th Century Limited. The people with whom she has to deal are either villains of a Dickensian pitch or paragons of virtue. There is no confusing, in the vast array of characters which Awwad marshals in his moral literature, is less at ease here. He prefers to sketch — to suggest with poetic flights of fancy — rather than to analyze what is at stake between the two. Despite the paragraphs

Tamima is the most solidly three-dimensional and sympathetic of Awwad's creations. Little is done, however, to explain to a reader unfamiliar with Lebanon how such an energetic and politically committed person could emerge from a village like Awwad's Mabidiya.

Tamima can be a credible figure only to someone who knows from personal experience the ideological turmoil of areas like South Lebanon in the early '70s. A more serious weakness of the book is Awwad's construct of Tamima's boyfriend, Hani Razi. He is depicted as a young Rightist who hoovers at the events of the novel. Razi descends upon request to issue judgements on matters big or small with a confidence which most readers will find hard to distinguish from sheer smugness. The tension which arises between Tamima and Hani is the most interesting, the most refreshing, and certainly the most critical aspect of the novel.

"You see, Hani," she writes in her notebook, "we are still in disagreement, we and I. On this, too, we disagreed yesterday. From the start you said we would disagree over many things. And this is my way — different from yours in the end. But is it really the end? I can't imagine that it is. I can't I can't."

Unfortunately the probing of

the conflict between Tamima and Hani is the most shallow in the book. One is left with the impression that Awwad, for all his bold sorties through regions previously uncharted in Arabic literature, is less at ease here. He prefers to sketch — to suggest with poetic flights of fancy — rather than to analyze what is at stake between the two. Despite the paragraphs as elsewhere in the book glides — effortlessly but irritatingly — through vales of poetic imagery, unvoiced thoughts and vagaries, to plunge without warning into cold prose. This is a problem partly of translation, although McLoughlin has done all that could be expected of any translator.

In the company of popular American and British authors of the twentieth century, Awwad is an anachronistic writer. His view of malevolence, and the clash between self-awareness and traditional loyalties, is more closely related to popular Victorian entertainments than era in which we live. But to assess his work out of the context of Arab literature does it a clear injustice. Inside that context *Death in Beirut* is audacious on many counts. Its more enthusiastic admirers have hailed it as a masterpiece. One suspects that reviewers in 1972, when the Arabic original appeared, must have quibbled with those tumultuous years. The Awwad's pessimistic conclusion plot is sometimes incredible, but in which his much-abused hero as far as facts are concerned, one declaims on the separation of the tension which arises between Tamima and Hani is the most interesting, the most refreshing, and certainly the most critical aspect of the novel.

The story is that of Tamima

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## The man with the long eyes

By Earl Lane

KITT PEAK, Arizona — The Papago Indians consider Kitt Peak to be a sacred place. It is easy enough to see why. On a clear day, the visibility from the Rocky Mountain, 40 miles (64 kms) southwest of Tucson, is remarkable. The mountains on the Baja California peninsula, 200 miles (320 kms) to the west, peak over the horizon. Even on a hazy day, when thunderstorms have stirred up the dust in the desert valleys below, the visibility may be 100 miles (160 kms) or more.

But it was Kitt Peak's window on the night sky which caught the eye of astronomers during the 1950s, when more than 150 different mountain ranges were studied as possible sites for a new U.S. national observatory. Kitt Peak's combination of persistently clear, dry weather and its remoteness from the bright lights of urban sprawl made it an ideal candidate. Since the 6,882-foot (2065 meter) peak is within the huge Papago Reservation in southern Arizona, permission was needed before any construction could begin. Indian leaders were reluctant to lease the land until several of the Papagos accepted an invitation to look through the University of Arizona's 36-inch (91 cms) telescope. They were greatly impressed by what they saw and soon allowed "the man with the long eyes" to use the mountaintop.

That was 20 years ago, and today Kitt Peak, with its 15 research telescopes, has grown to be the most active astronomical observatory in the world. Kitt Peak is at the center of a modern effort to answer some ancient questions: What are the stars? How are they born? Does the universe have any limits? What will be its ultimate fate?

The peak itself is in the midst of the rugged Quinlan



Kitt Peak's summit with some of the 15 research telescopes there. (Newsday Photo)

range, which rises out of the Sonora Desert. Yet it has been comfortably transformed to the purposes of astronomy that visiting scientists consider it to be the grand hotel of observatories. A 12-mile (19 kms) highway winds to the top of the peak at a gentle two percent grade. Visitors make the day-long drive to Kitt Peak in great numbers to enjoy the sweeping views from the summit.

Later, as a full moon rises over the mountain, the stillness is interrupted regularly by the rumble and creak of the ghostly observatory domes rotating on their tracks to fix upon stars. Some of the domes are noisier than others, producing muffled echoes in the natural bowl of the summit. Yet one of the largest domes, sheltering the 84-inch telescope, is muted enough that its movement can startle unknowing passersby who look up to see the dome — about as tall as a 4-story building — turning slowly in the moonlight.

Although sunset is still several hours away, observing teams have already started their search for reference stars to calibrate and fine-tune their instruments. Even during daylight, the brightest stars can be picked up by the Kitt Peak

telescopes. A moderate-sized instrument, like Kitt's 84-inch (215 cms) telescope, has tremendous resolution. (The size of a reflecting telescope refers to the diameter of its primary mirror.)

While computers handle most of the chores at observatories these days, there is still room for human ingenuity and patience. The telescope will automatically track the object across the night sky, but the astronomers still must take care of the fine tuning. (Newsday.)

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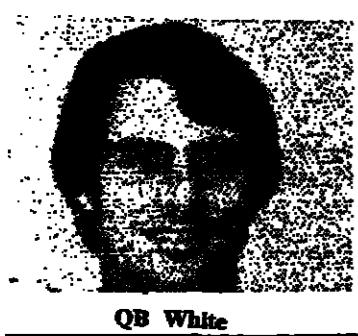
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In NFL playoffs

## Dallas beats Falcons, Steelers whip Denver

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 31 (AP) — Reserve quarterback Danny White came off the bench to spell injured Roger Staubach and masterminded the hard-pressed Dallas Cowboys to a 27-20, come-from-behind National Football Conference playoff victory Saturday over the amazing Atlanta Falcons.

Meanwhile in Pittsburgh, the Steelers massacred the Denver Broncos, 33-10, to secure a berth in the American Football Conference championship



QB White

In the Pittsburgh playoff, Terry Bradshaw hit 16 of 29 passes for 272 yards and a pair of fourth-quarter scoring bombs to lead the Steelers to a victory Saturday.

The Steelers will host Sunday's Houston-New England winner.

**Scores**

Atlanta	7	13	0	0-20
Dallas	10	3	7	7-27
Denver	3	7	0	0-10
Pittsburgh	6	13	0	14-33

BRADSHAW: 16 of 29

Saudi soccer

## Flurry of games can topple league leaders

By David Smith JEDDAH, Dec. 31 — The Saudi Premier Division is delicately poised at the top of the table as the season enters a mid-season flurry of 30 matches in three weeks. The two Riyadh sides, Al-Nasr and Al-Hilal are level in first place with 11 points closely followed by 4 teams on eight points. But this could change dramatically between now and

January 18th when the top sides each play four matches. Nasr has to face both Al-Ahli in Jeddah and Al-Wehda at home while Hilal takes on Al-Ittihad and Al-Ittifaq in Riyadh.

On current form, Nasr and Hilal are the most consistent sides. Nasr which finished one point behind Ahli in last season's competition has added Tunisian strikers Raouf Bin Aziza and Al-Agrabi to last season's squad and the extra power has paid off with 20 goals in seven games this year.

Nasr has a strong defensive line-up and an outstanding midfield player in Saudi international Yousef Khamsi. Up front Saudi center-forward Majid Abdallah has continued his fine-scoring form in partnership with Bin Aziza and

both players have found the net in Nasr's six goals against Nahda, four against Ittihad and in Thursday's 2-2 draw with Hilal.

Hilal also has a powerful defense and the addition of Brazil's Roberto Rivelino to the midfield has brought an attacking flair. Rivelino's world-class skill, coupled with the scoring power of Tunisian Najib Imam and Sultan Bin Nasib has enabled Hilal to net the same number of goals as Nasr although it has conceded four more.

Trailing the leaders' three points is a pack of four teams, including last year's champion Ahli. The Jeddah side has been unable to reproduce its true form in every match although it showed what it is capable of in a 5-0 thrashing of Ittifaq.

Tarek Diab, linking with Ahmed Al-Sagir in an attacking midfield role has added a dimension to the Ahli attack, but the absence of Iman Kholay and Amr Dabbo in crucial matches has upset the Ahli rhythm. In defense, also, the Ahli performance has been patchy with goalkeeping and defensive errors giving away vital goals in important games.

Judging by its performance in Friday's match against Ahli, Ittihad is beginning to produce the teamwork that coach Dietmar Crammer has been trying to develop all season. Theo Bueker is proving an invaluable acquisition in midfield while Saudi international Issa Hamdan and young player Othman Marzoq and Abu Samra make a penetrating striking force. When Swedish center-forward Sjoberg and Saudi full-back Saad

break recover from injuries the Jeddah side will surely be the team to watch.

The main interest of this week's games will be whether Ittihad can maintain the form it showed against Ahli and whether Ahli can get back on the winning track after dropping three points in the last two games.

Monday Ittihad takes on Ittifaq in Jeddah and on Friday travel to Riyadh to face Hilal. Thursday Ahli meets Nasr in Jeddah. Their last two encounters have been close affairs — 1-1 league draw in Riyadh last season and a narrow 1-0 win for the Jeddah side in the King's Cup second round last year. This match should be no exception and should provide thrilling entertainment for the capacity crowd expected in the Jeddah stadium.

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Marks got injury help again Sunday. Alexander moved sluggishly and seemed unable to stretch wide to either side of the court.

He announced after the match that he had suffered a

India bowlers snatch Test initiative

CALCUTTA, Dec. 31 (R) — Tight spin and pace bowling by India's attack swung the third Test back its way on the third day here Sunday when the West Indies was dismissed for 327.

India then quickly overhauled the 27-run lead the touring team had on the first innings and was 70 for one at close of play in its second turn

for three to 230 for seven.

After an 83-run partnership between Sew Shivaraine and Norbert Phillip, the last three wickets fell to the new ball attack for 14 runs.

Shivnaraine made 48 and Phillip 47, and both were out to controversial decisions.

Shivnaraine thought a brilliant two-handed catch by substitute Dhiraj Parasra in the third Test.

Meanwhile in New York, Jim Clemons and Bob McAdoo led a fourth-quarter surge that carried the Knicks to their third consecutive NBA victory, a 112-108 decision over the Kansas City Kings.

In other NBA games Saturday, Austin Carr scored 11 points in the third quarter and 23 overall to lead the Cavaliers past the New Jersey Nets, 104-94. San Diego guard Lloyd Free scored 30 points, including 22 in the second half as the Clippers rallied from 12 points down to beat the Indiana Pacers, 114-111.

AP adds from Port of Spain, Trinidad, a West Indies cricket board of control official is expected to be included in the International Cricket Conference team investigating racial discrimination, and which will visit South Africa in March, a board member said Saturday.

Still sporting a black eye, Breamley said that several balls from Hogg and Mike Hendrick shot straight along the ground because of damp patches caused by rain.

"I don't look forward to batting the last day," he said. England resumes Monday at a lamentable 107 for eight.

## British soccer standings

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP) — Standings in the British soccer leagues after Saturday's games (matches played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

### English League Division One

Liverpool	21	15	3	3	47	9	33
Everton	22	12	9	1	32	16	33
West Bromwich	20	13	5	2	43	18	31
Arsenal	22	11	7	4	39	20	29
Nottingham Forest	20	8	11	1	21	12	27
Leeds	23	9	8	6	44	30	26
Bristol City	23	9	7	7	29	23	25
Coventry	22	9	7	6	29	35	25
Manchester United	22	9	6	7	32	39	24
Tottenham	22	8	8	6	25	36	24
Aston Villa	21	7	9	5	26	19	23
Southampton	21	6	8	7	25	28	20
Derby	22	8	3	11	29	30	19
Manchester City	21	5	5	8	27	26	18
Norwich	19	4	10	5	30	30	18
Bolton	22	6	5	11	29	41	17
Middlesbrough	21	6	4	11	30	31	16
Queens Park Rangers	21	4	7	10	18	30	15
Wolverhampton	21	5	2	14	17	40	12
Chelsea	22	2	6	14	22	48	10
Birmingham	22	2	4	16	20	39	8

### Scottish League — Premier Division

Dundee United	18	8	7	3	25	16	23
Partick Thistle	18	8	5	5	19	16	21
Aberdeen	19	6	8	5	30	19	20
Rangers	18	7	6	5	30	19	20
Morton	19	7	6	6	28	26	20
Celtic	18	7	5	6	26	21	19
St. Mirren	18	7	4	7	20	17	18
Hibernian	18	8	4	6	19	23	16
Hearts	18	5	5	8	22	34	15
Motherwell	18	3	4	11	18	35	10

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## Sports

### Barker advances

## Ashe struggles to stay in Melbourne event

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 31 (AP) — American Arthur Ashe survived another five-set battle Sunday to stay in the \$300,000 Australian Open at Kooyong here.

Coming from behind on the second day running, Ashe beat Austrian Peter Feigl, 4-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, in their quarter-final match.

Ashe will meet Australian John Marks in the semi-finals Tuesday. Marks earlier shocked sixth-seeded Australian John Alexander, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

The near capacity crowd of 10,000 still stunned by Alexander's dull display, thought it was witnessing the second upset for the day when the big-serving Austrian powered his way to a two sets to one lead.

But once Ashe began to master Feigl's serve the game became a rout.

After the break, Ashe returned service brilliantly twice grabbing the Austrian's serve to level at two sets apiece and then broke again in the opening game of the fifth set.

Control

The American was now in full control as he broke serve



ASH: Struggles through

muscle spasm in his neck.

Sm

"I thought the warmth of the sun might fix it. But when I played a forehand my head would not turn to follow the ball. It was hopeless," said Alexander.

Marks was preparing to go out and celebrate New Year's Eve .... and with good reason. He stands to collect his biggest tennis payout with his semi-final appearance. Marks will get at least \$11,000 even if lost to Ashe.

Britain's Sue Barker moved a step closer to her ambition of winning the Australian women's singles crown when she beat Belgium Federation Cup player Ichelle Gurdal 6-0, 7-5 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Barker swept through the first set in only 10 minutes. Americans Beth Norton, Kim Sands and Renee Blount had a disastrous day.

American collapse

Norton, the number three seed was beaten by tall Sydney girl Chris O'Neill, 6-4, 6-3, on the center court. Sands went out to West Australian Chris Mathison, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 and Blount, the sixth seed crashed to local girl Diana Evers, 6-4, 6-4. Tricia Bostrom also tumbled from the tournament when another West Australian Mary Sawyer came from behind to beat her 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Betsy Nagelsen, the eighth seed, kept a lone American flag flying in the quarterfinals when she downed Swede Nina Bohm, 63, 64.



Barker

## Breamley mourns Melbourne pitch

MELBOURNE, Dec. 31 (AP) — England captain Mike Breamley Sunday blamed Melbourne's poor pitch for his side's dismal batting in the third Test.

Speaking at an early morning press conference on the

In New Year's message

## Ohira vows to cut deficit

TOKYO, Dec. 31 (AP) — Japan will keep trying to attain the high economic growth its trading partners hope will help them but government deficit spending must stop, Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira said in a New Year's news conference.

The prime minister also said the U.S. recognition of Peking effective Jan. 1 "in no way affected Japanese security and it must not be allowed to affect it." Ohira said the joint recognition does not infringe on Japan's security treaty with the United States.

Ohira said that he will send a special envoy to Washington in January to discuss economic issues and the upcoming summit of advanced industrialized nations to be held in Tokyo at the end of June. He said, "I hope the summit achieves something substantial." He reiterated Japan's desire to have Australia join the other seven nations that have participated in previous summits.

Ohira conceded that misunderstandings arose when he said at a previous meeting with reporters that Japan



Prime Minister Ohira could not reach the gross national product growth target by March 31, 1979, as set by former Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda at the Bonn summit in July 1978.

Ohira said, "I said the target was difficult to reach but I did not say we had given up trying."

Ohira said Japan's trade surplus with the United States was seen as a factor in the rapid decline in the value of the American dollar. It had been hoped that the Japanese commitment to a seven per

cent GNP growth rate would help generate domestic demand.

Japan had a favorable trade balance with most industrialized nations in 1978.

Ohira emphasized that he felt it was absolutely urgent for Japan to put an end to deficit spending that has now reached the point where the government depends on borrowings for 38 per cent of the budget.

"We cannot just keep on issuing bonds," Ohira said. "We have to decrease the expenses of running our government."

Ohira said he will not impose new taxes but will institute a sales tax in 1980.

On Russia, Ohira said, "Our reactions with the Soviet Union are advancing on the economic and cultural levels and while we do have a problem in the northern territories that simply gives us an added reason to work harder and with greater patience toward better relations."

Ohira said he was looking forward to an early visit to Japan by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

### Woodcock confident

## U.S.-China trade hopes high

PEKING, Dec. 31 (AP) — Leonard Woodcock, the American liaison chief here, says the United States and China

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can start tackling some outstanding problems blocking long-term trade agreements after they formally recognize each other New Year's Day.

The Chinese want assets frozen during the Korean War in the United States unblocked while the United States seeks compensation for American property seized after the Chinese Communists takeover.

Once these issues are resolved, Woodcock said in an interview, the trade agreement would be possible and a substantial increase in trade could follow.

"I don't think it will be any bonanza, but it will be a substantial addition," he said.

The 67-year-old former head of the United Auto Workers Union pictured China as in a period of change and said he would agree to serve as the

first American ambassador to Peking March 1, if asked.

He described China as politically stable and said it had a good chance of achieving its 22-year plan to modernize industry, agriculture, defense and science and technology.

The United States, whose trade will approach the \$1 billion mark this year, wants to sell the Chinese a variety of products and technology which were barred before recognition.

"Lack of normalization put impediments in the way," Woodcock said.

He noted that some American firms have already concluded large contracts but added, "over time, the Chinese are also going to have to sell to the outside world to support their bilateral trade."



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5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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## European companies in Zaire face mineral industry takeover

KINSHASA, Dec. 31 (R) — The Zairean parliament has urged the government to make Sozocom, the country's metals-marketing agency, the only company responsible for producing and marketing Zaire's minerals.

It passed a resolution Saturday asking the cabinet to re-examine immediately all existing mining contracts between Zaire and foreign companies.

Members of parliament have said the present contracts tend to favor what they call the systematic pillaging of Zaire's mineral wealth by foreigners.

med from lack of foreign exchange.

Members specifically questioned the integrity and validity of the mining contracts with foreign countries.

One asked the minister of mines why people in Zaire were dying of starvation when their country was the world's leading producer of cobalt and industrial diamonds.

He wondered why neighboring countries without Zaire's mineral wealth did not have the same foreign exchange problems, and neither were their people suffering like those in Zaire.

## German steel strike compromise proposed

DUSSELDORF, West Germany, Dec. 31 (R) — A mediator Saturday night put forward a compromise proposal aimed at ending a month-old strike in West Germany's steel industry.

Friedhelm Fathmann, labor minister of North Rhine-Westphalia state, said after a meeting of employers and union representatives that both sides would examine the proposal within their own ranks before meeting again next Wednesday.

The dispute has centered on the IG Metal Union's demand for the gradual introduction of a 35-hour week in the industry. It is also asking for a five per cent pay increase.

The employers have offered extra holidays and a four per cent increase, but have said a shorter working week would price the steel industry out of world markets.

### Israeli cabinet okays \$16b budget

TEL AVIV, Dec. 31 (R) — The Israeli cabinet Sunday approved a 1979 national budget totaling some \$16 billion despite sharp opposition by ministers. The cabinet held three sessions to discuss the budget submitted by Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich. Most ministers demanded larger sums for their departments. But Ehrlich refused to increase the budget, declaring that it would only add to the country's already galloping annual inflation rate of over 40 per cent.

### Spain, Mauritania in fishing accord

MADRID, Dec. 31 (R) — Spain will have to pay considerably more for fish it catches in Mauritanian waters next year under an agreement in principle reached here Saturday, Spanish Transport Minister Salvador Sanchez Teran said. He was commenting on four days of tough negotiations here between Spanish and Mauritanian officials on a new fishing agreement. The Mauritanian delegation complained that previous fishing agreements with Spain had been to their disadvantage and demanded major changes, Sanchez said.



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U.S. Dollar	3.32	3.34	3.33
Pound Sterling	6.74	6.80	6.83
Deutsche Mark	1.82 (100)	183.00	183.50
Swiss F.	2.05 (100)	206.00	207.00
French F.	0.79 (100)	79.80	80.25
Italian Lira (100)	—	4.12	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	111.25	111.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	85.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.77
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.32
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Bahrain Dinar	—	8.75	8.68
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	46.00	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.30
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	86.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Gold kg	—	24,400	—
10 Tolas bar	—	2,700	—
Silver kg bar	—	660	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.70	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.80	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

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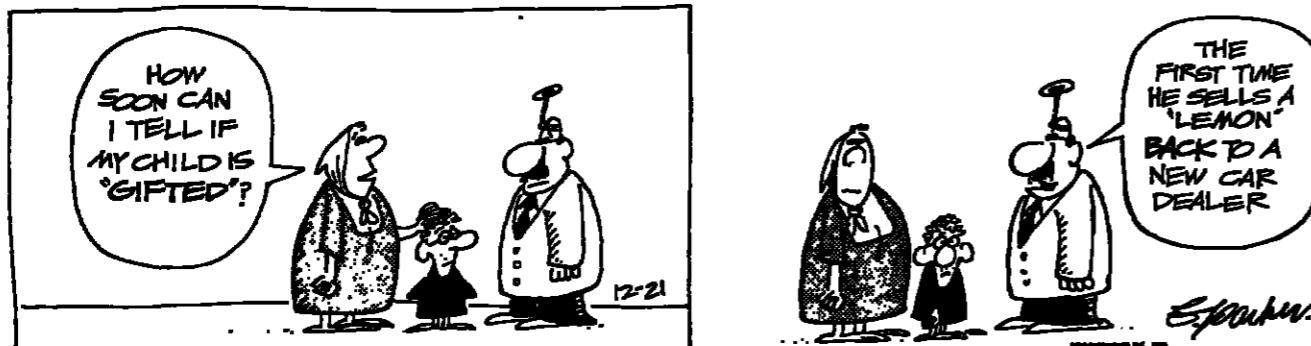
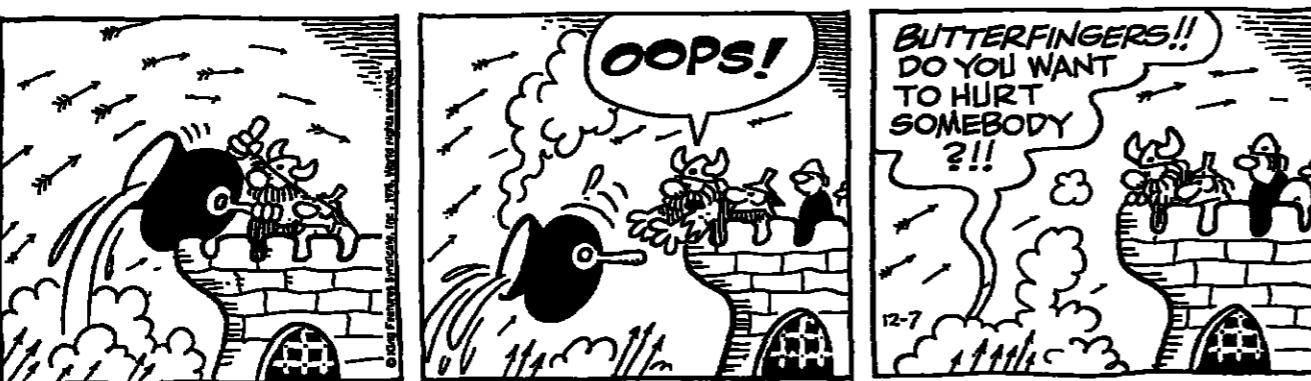
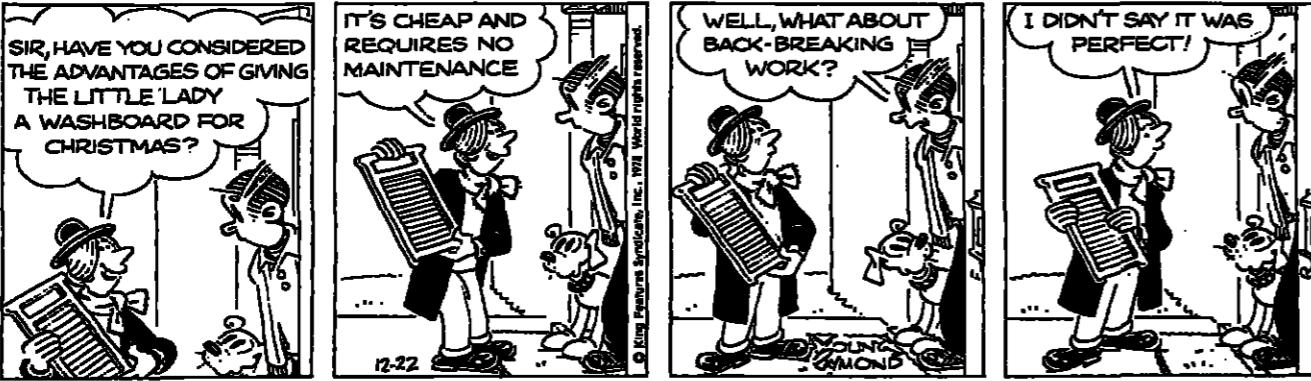
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## Famous Hand

most hands, but, even so, the number of times when the lead is definitely a shot in the dark is very distressing — especially after the initial shot boomerangs and proves to be fatal.

Here is a dramatic example of a successful opening lead. It occurred in the world championship match between Italy and the United States in 1967.

At the first table, the U.S. South opened with four hearts. Pietro Farinetto was West and had a wide choice of leads. After considering the problem carefully, he decided that it was highly unlikely his side would get four tricks with passive defense. Accordingly, he made the aggressive lead of the king of spades.

There is a lot of literature on the subject of opening leads, but the fact is that one never learns enough about this difficult phase of the game. Most good players lose more points because of unsuccessful opening leads than they lose on the play of the next twelve tricks combined. This is not always surprising when you consider that the opening leader sees only 13 cards when he makes his first play, and that a moment later 12 more cards suddenly come into view.

There are a few good principles one can follow in this venture into space:

1. Open with a suit that is strong and effective. After the king lead, Farinetto continued with a spade to East's ace. He then ruffed the next spade, returned a club to partner's ace, and got another spade ruff to put the contract down two.

The Italian South at the second table opened the bidding with only three hearts, which everybody passed. Peter Farinetti was West for the U.S. and, after some reasoning, he led the king of spades and defeated the contract. Apparently great minds run in the same direction.

## ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

## PRAYER TIMES

## MONDAY

	Fajr	Ishaq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:37	7:03	12:29	3:35	5:52	7:22
Medina	5:45	7:10	12:31	3:31	5:47	7:17
Nejd	5:10	6:39	11:57	2:57	5:14	6:44

## DAHRAHAN TV

3:30 Children's Show  
4:30 Fantastic Four  
4:51 Wide World of Sports  
5:43 Waltons  
6:31 Welcome Back Kotter  
7:05 That's My Mama  
7:30 Charles Angels  
8:16 Saint III  
9:04 Best Sellers

Top Cat: Space Monkey  
The Micro World of Dr. Doom  
IROC No. 1 Inter. Race  
The Test  
And Baby Makes Four Part I  
The Witness  
Lady Killers  
The Angel's Eye  
Wheels Part II

## WEATHER

Pleasant weather will prevail during the day in most parts of Saudi Arabia. It will however become cold in the evening, especially in northern areas.

Low clouds will cover the central, western and southwestern areas, setting the stage for fog in the early morning on the eastern coast.

Surface winds will blow mostly from various directions at low to moderate speed.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be calm to moderately choppy.

Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	26	20	Tabuk	19	03
Jeddah	31	20	Turaf	16	0
Riyadh	21	9	Rafha	19	03
Dahran	23	11	Bisha	23	07
Medina	26	13	Yanbu	29	15
Taif	21	11	Abha	20	06

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Afternoon Transmission  
1:00 Opening  
1:01 The Holy Quran  
1:02 Gems of Guidance  
1:03 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle  
1:04 S.A. Historical Notes  
1:05 Off the Record  
1:06 Your Choice  
1:07 Islam the Divine Truth  
1:08 Music  
1:09 NEWS  
1:10 Press Review  
1:11 Music  
1:12 Close Down

10:15 NEWS  
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle  
10:30 Music Worldwide  
11:00 Champions of Solidarity  
11:10 Press Review  
11:15 The Sixties  
11:45 The World of Umar  
12:00 Islamic Contributions  
12:15 The Songwriters  
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams  
12:59 Close Down

## BBC

Morning Transmission  
8:00 World News  
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
News Summary  
8:30 "Sarah Ward  
8:45 World Today  
8:00 Newsdesk  
9:30 "Opera Star  
10:00 World News  
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
News Summary  
10:30 "Sarah Ward  
10:45 "Something to Show You  
11:00 World News  
11:05 Reflections  
11:15 Piano Style  
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978  
12:00 World News  
12:09 British Press Review  
12:15 World Today  
12:30 Financial News  
12:40 Look Ahead  
12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show  
13:15 Ulster in Focus  
1:30 Discovery  
2:00 World News  
2:09 News about Britain  
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios  
2:30 Sports International  
2:40 Radio Newsreel  
2:45 Promenade Concert  
3:45 Sports Round-up  
4:00 World News  
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
News Summary

4:30 The Pleasure's Yours  
5:15 Report on Religion  
6:00 Radio Newsreel  
6:15 "Outlook  
7:00 World News  
7:15 "Sherlock Holmes  
7:45 World Today  
8:00 World News  
8:09 Books and Writers  
8:30 "Take One  
8:45 Sports Round-up  
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1:25 Financial News  
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2:09 Commentary  
2:15 The Face of England

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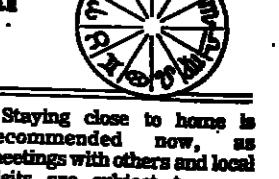
8:05 News Roundup  
Reports: Activities; Opinion; Analyses  
8:30 Dateline  
News Summary  
8:45 Special English:  
News; Feature: The Making of a Nation  
News Summary  
9:30 Music USA (Standard)  
10:00 News Roundup:  
Reports: Activities; Opinion; Analyses

12:00 News...newsmakers' voices...correspondent reports...background features...media comments...news analysis.

## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1974



Staying close to home is recommended now, as meetings with others and local visits are subjects to unexpected difficulties.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Avoid early entertainments now. The best pleasure will come through animated discussions with close ones who'll share your enthusiasm.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Not the right time for mixing business with pleasure. Though the subject will come up, not everyone will fulfill their part of the bargain.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Be careful not to hurt a family member's feelings today, as the potential exists for a sudden flare up of emotion on the domestic front.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Try not to let unexpected news keep you from enjoying today's planned activities. Be circumspect in speech and avoid social blunders.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Keep financial plans to yourself and you'll accomplish much. Avoid excessive spending at a community function or social affair.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Limit discussions with others to topics that are of minimal interest. This is not the time to further business interests.

**PIRUS** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

A confidential meeting should go well, but don't let an unexpected interruption make you lose your cool. Spend some time by yourself.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

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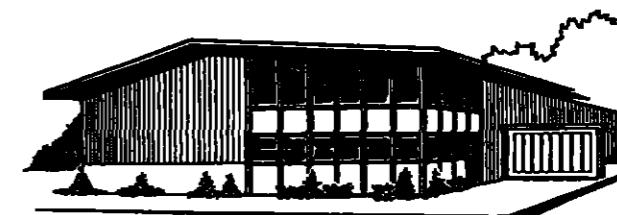
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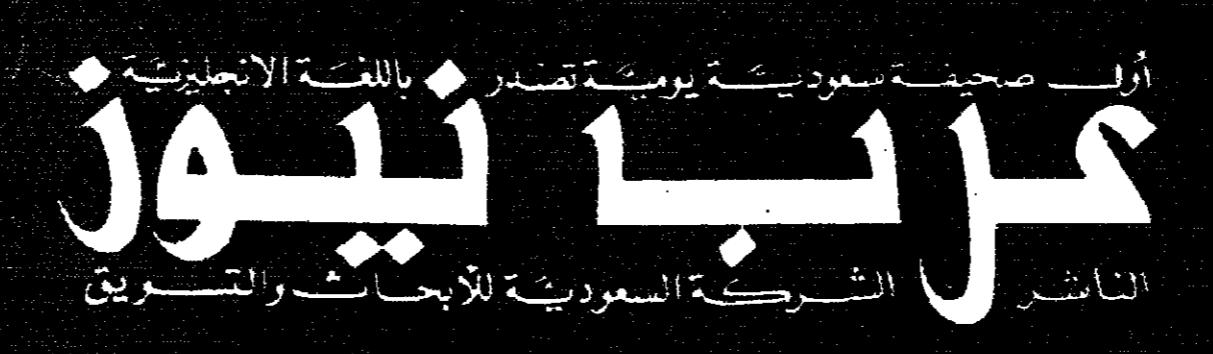
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Seeks unprecedented contacts

## Peking asks end to Taiwan confrontation

PEKING, Dec. 31 (AP) — China announced Sunday an end to its 20-year bombardment of the nationalists' offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu and proposed talks with Taiwan to halt the confrontation between the two old enemies.

It said the military discussions could pave the way for economic, postal, cultural, sports, technological and tourist exchanges between Taiwan and the mainland.

The alternate day bombard-

ments of the small, heavily fortified islands, just off the China coast, began after an unsuccessful 1958 communist attempt to batter them into submission.

They are now less deadly than propaganda oriented, the shells usually stuffed with leaflets pleading for a return to the motherland. The nationalist garrison replies in kind.

The announcement was contained in a New Year's message to Taiwan "compatriots" from the Standing Committee

of the National People's Congress, which met Dec. 26.

The United States and China formally established diplomatic relations Monday — New Year's Day — after 30 years of love, hate, misunderstanding and bloodshed. See related stories page 5.)

The Peking announcement cited the New Year's Day establishment of normal ties with the United States and a peace treaty with Japan as setting the stage for national reunification.

In the past, Taiwan has coldly rejected such Peking overtures.

The message said China has agreed to respect the status quo on Taiwan even if it rejoins the mainland.

It said the bombardment will cease as of Monday.

"The state of military confrontation between the two sides still exists along the Taiwan Straits," the statement said.

This can only create artificial tension. We hold that

first of all this military confrontation should be ended through discussion between the government of the People's Republic of China and the Taiwan authorities so as to create the necessary prerequisites and a secure environment for the two sides to make contacts and exchanges."

It said there were no reasons for barriers to travel to continue and added it hoped both sides will soon set up transportation and postal services to make it easier for "compatriots of both sides to contact each other directly, write to each other, visit relatives and friends, exchange tours and visits and make academic, cultural, sports and technological interchange."

It added there was "every reason for us to develop trade between us, each making up what the other lacks and creating economic interflow. This is our mutual need and will benefit both parties without doing any harm."

President Jimmy Carter sent Communist Chairman Hua Kuo-feng a message saying that "the cause of world peace will be served by this historic act of reconciliation" and added that the era of "misunderstanding, confrontation and enmity" between the U.S. and China was over.

He called China "a key for global peace" and pledged the United States to continue to help maintain peace in Asia and the Pacific and "to extend our hands across the Pacific to you in friendship and peace."

On the political front, Botha said he saw a "ray of hope" that the pressure against South Africa would be eased because of the growing economic instability in the neighboring black nations that harbor guerrillas. He said these nations might seek stability "by cooperating with us in the south."

Hua's message and those from Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping to Carter and Vance made no references to the unhappy past.

### Phnom Penh denies it

## Cambodia rebels claim victories

BANGKOK, Dec. 31 (UPI) — Cambodian rebels said Sunday they have "liberated" half a northeastern province from the Phnom Penh government.

A broadcast by the pro-

Vietnam rebel group claimed it had firm control of the eastern half of Ratanakiri Province, centered 360 kilometers from the capital city.

The broadcast claimed rebels had booted up government forces in the only town of any size in the region, Bo Kham, and controlled the entire countryside by day and night.

It was the first specific claim by the month-old Cambodia National United Front for National Salvation and said rebel forces now control the eastern half of the province, a strip about 70 kilometers wide between the Vietnam border and government areas.

The rebel group is dedicated to overthrowing the Cambodian government and installing a pro-Vietnam, Communist regime which would end the three-year war with Hanoi.

Prime minister suggests

## Pretoria may review 'homelands' policy

DURBAN, Dec. 31 (AP) — Prime Minister Pieter Botha suggested in his New Year's message Sunday that his government is prepared to reformulate the "homelands" idea, the cornerstone of South Africa's apartheid policy.

In the prime minister's annual address to the nation, Botha said, "we shall have to determine whether the freedom and the different black peoples around us are all coveting really is in proper relation to the rounded off consolidation of their free land areas."

He said the government would be prepared to consult with academic and economic leaders, and then with black leaders, "to determine the facts in a practical way."

But Botha rejects opposition calls for a national convention to plot South Africa's future, saying this would create "confusion and chaos."

The prime minister, who took office last October, gave no indication what dispensation could replace the current policy, formulated in the early 1960s by the late Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd.

Under that plan, South Africa's 19 million blacks are as-

signed to tribal homelands slated for eventual independence. Critics say the policy is used to justify denying the blacks political and economic rights in the 87 per cent of South Africa that is regarded as the domain of the 4.4 million whites.

Two of the homelands, Transkei and Bophuthatswana, have already gained "independence,"

## Ex-Spandau warden urges Hess be freed

BERLIN, Dec. 31 (UPI) — Eugene Bird, former American warden at the four-power Spandau Prison, appealed to President Carter Sunday to intercede to grant an amnesty to Rudolf Hess, 84-year-old former deputy of Adolf Hitler.

Bird, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, also asked West German President Walter Scheel to use his influence to gain freedom for Hess, who is serving a life term.

Hess was taken from the West Berlin prison Friday to the nearby British Military hospital after he complained

of trouble with his vision.

A British official announced Hess had a minor circulatory ailment but Bird called it a stroke.

"His death is but a matter of time," Bird said in a telegram to Carter at the White House.

"Start the new year with an act of clemency and make it possible for this old man to die in freedom."

Bird said Hess has been a prisoner since his 1941 flight to Scotland and the United States should refuse to be a party to such an "act of inhumanity."

Bird, warden at Spandau from 1964 to 1972, has been campaigning for years for the release of Hess, the only Nazi leader still held in the prison run by the Americans, Russians, British and French.

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## Numeiri admits demise of Arab solidarity body

KHARTOUM, Dec. 31 (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri says an Arab League committee set up under his chairmanship in March to resolve differences over Egypt's peace overtures to Israel has effectively broken up.

In an interview with Sudan's only English-language magazine, "Sudanow," Numeiri said the Arab Solidarity Committee "legally exists but practically it

## Kuwait will maintain oil output

KUWAIT, Dec. 31 (R) — Kuwait Sunday announced it would not increase oil production to meet international shortages caused by the disturbances in Iran.

The minister of state for cabinet affairs, Abdul Aziz Hussein, told reporters after a cabinet meeting that Kuwait would continue normal production despite shutdown of Iran's oil industry.

Kuwait produces two million barrels of oil a day.

## Khaddam leading Syrians to Baghdad talks today

DAMASCUS, Dec. 31 (AP) — Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam will head a Syrian delegation to Baghdad Monday, it was announced here.

The delegation includes Information Minister Ahmad Iskandar and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abdul Karim Adi. With Khaddam they make

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### Israel

at a special session Tuesday and endorsed its decision of Dec. 15 rejecting the Egyptian proposal.

Begin said 14 ministers voted in favor of the decision, two did not participate and one abstained.

Egyptian proposals for the draft peace treaty center on a defined link with the negotiations over the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip by setting a date for the establish-

ment of autonomy there and making the exchange of ambassadors conditional on it.

Egypt also asked that a side letter be attached to the treaty which would soften Article 6 and requested a review of the security arrangement in the Sinai after five years.

Some Israeli government of-

ficials have said that Washington has compromised its role as a neutral mediator by its support of Egyptian demands.

Sunday's cabinet decisions, the majority of which reaffirmed views expressed over the past few weeks, were expected to further deepen Israel's controversy with the U.S.

### Kennedy

think there were some other FBI personnel involved," said Abernathy, president emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Council.

At Camp David, Maryland, White House Associate Press Secretary Patricia Barry said President Jimmy Carter would have no public comment on the report "until he has a chance to study it."

Besides concluding that both the Kennedy assassinations resulted from probable conspiracies, the committee made a series of recommendations aimed at preventing any other such slayings.

It urged the Justice Department to re-examine its procedures for handling assassinations to make sure it takes full advantage of the resources of other governmental agencies and of technological and scientific evidence.

Kennedy was shot to death as the presidential motorcade was passing through Dealey Plaza in Dallas. Oswald was arrested for the slaying, and was himself slain by Jack Ruby before he could be tried.

when storms blew her car into the sea near Saint Nazaire in Brittany, a 52-year-old motorist swept away by floods in eastern France and a French skier killed by an avalanche in the Austrian Alps at Vorarlberg.

The blizzards shut both of London's airports and caused cancellations and long delays at Brussels' Zaventem Airport.

But the storms brought a bonus for winter skiers — snow ended a thaw in the French and Italian Alps and Austrian weathermen expected so much snow that they posted avalanche warnings.

**Coldest Moscow Dec. 31 for century**

## 4 die in cross-Europe blizzard

PARIS, Dec. 31 (R) — Thousands of luckless travellers were stranded and snowbound across northern Europe Sunday as 1978 signed off with the biggest blizzard in decades.

Telephone links and power supplies collapsed in northern East Germany. Pofand put out hourly television appeals to power workers to return from New Year holidays and save the electricity grid.

Tanks were sent in to rescue motorists in West Germany and hundreds of passengers aboard two East German trains were stuck in a snowdrift near the Baltic coast for more than 10 hours.

France shut its main motorway from Paris to Lille when snowplows failed to clear it.

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